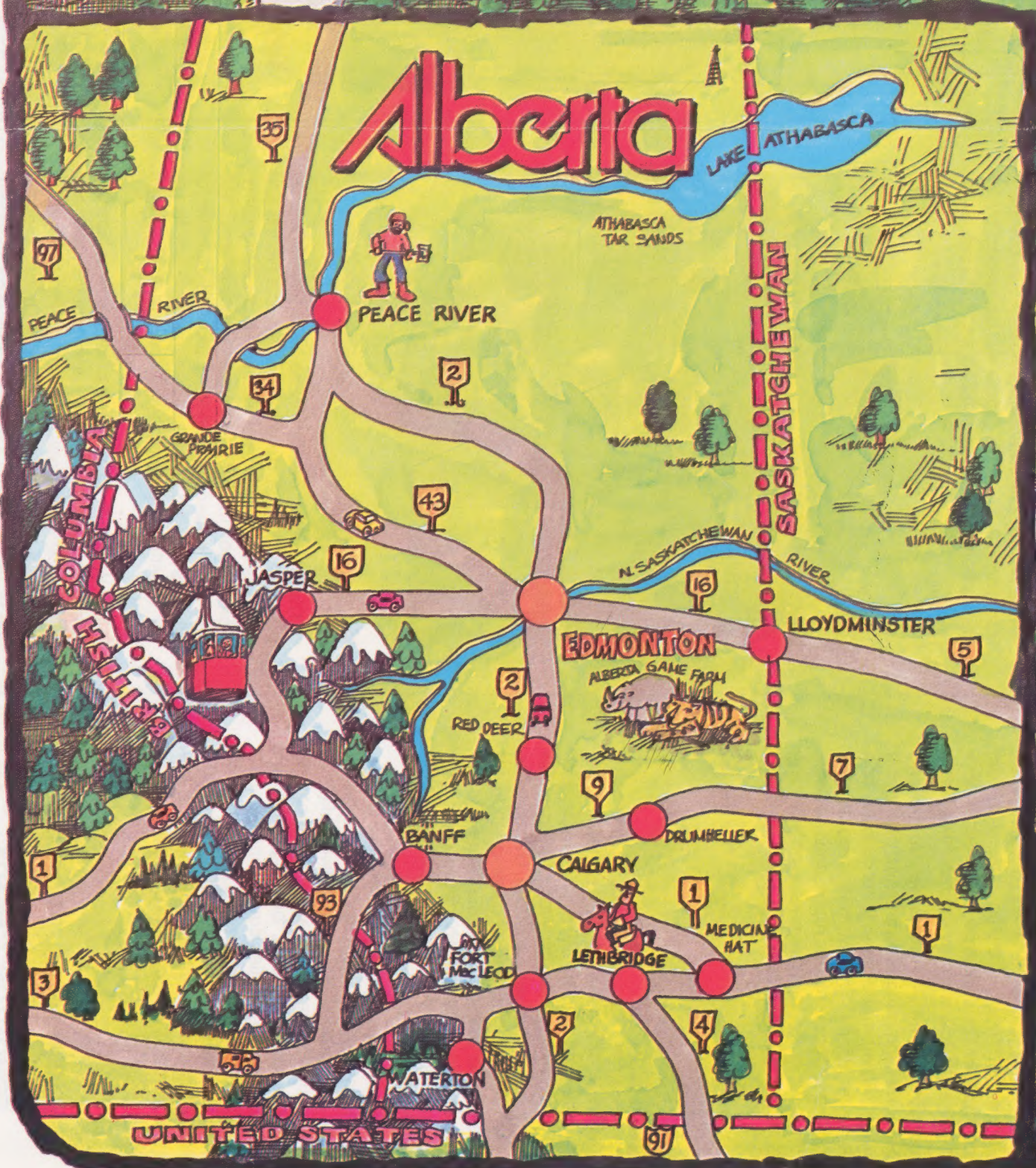
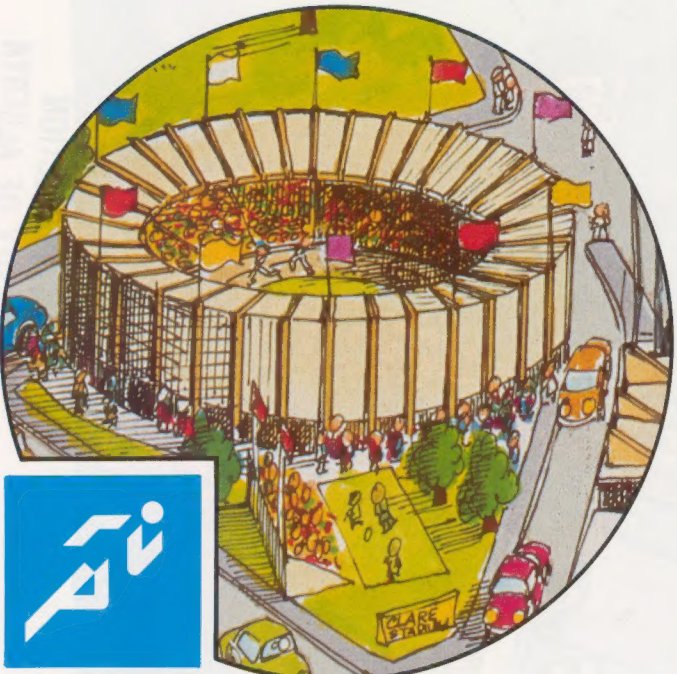




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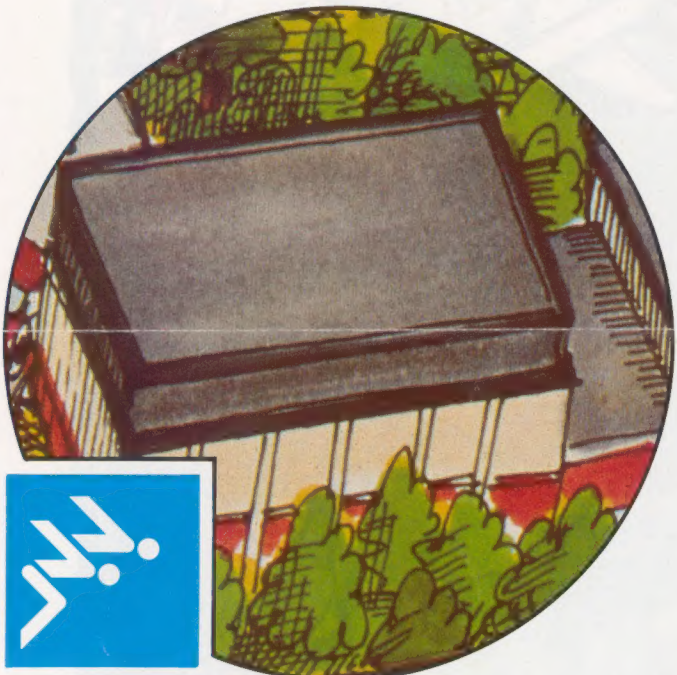


Athletics

The new 45,000 seat stadium is the venue for Track and Field events which will take place during six days of Games competition. The Athletics Committee anticipates approximately 400 officials and 750-800 competitors to arrive from more than 40 Commonwealth countries.

The 1978 Commonwealth Games will "one-up" the Olympic's Athletics roster by including a 38th event, the 3,000 metres for women. This will be a first for this event at any world games. The only other deviation from standard Olympic track and field procedure is the 30 km., rather than 20 km., walking event.

The thirty-eight events in Athletics are broken down into five categories: running, jumping, throwing, walking and combined or multiple events for both men and women.



Swimming and Diving

The venue for the swimming and diving events is the new 5,000 seat Aquatic Center alongside the Kinsmen Fieldhouse in Edmonton's North Saskatchewan River Valley. The water area of the complex includes an eight-lane, 50-metre competitive swimming pool; a diving tank, with four platforms and four springboards; a 50-metre warm-up pool and a shallow warm-water teaching pool.

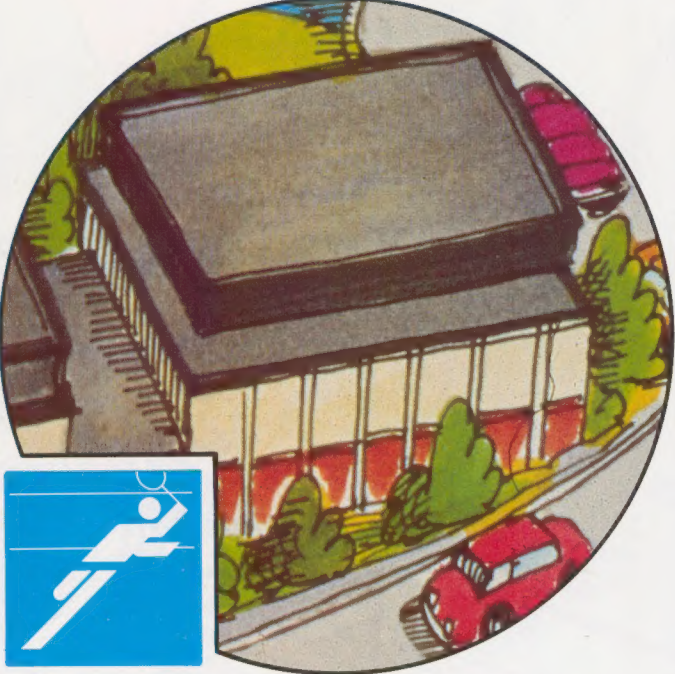
Aquatic events of the '78 Games include 15 men's and 14 women's swimming competitions, plus men's and women's three-metre springboard diving and 10-metre tower diving. The swimming committee expects about 190 competitors, representing at least 15 countries, to enter these events. Eighty-five officials will supervise the competition.

Village

The University of Alberta's Lister Hall Residential Complex will provide the 1978 Commonwealth Games with the finest facility ever offered as an Athletes' Village for a set of World Games. The Village will provide food and accommodation for 2,100 athletes and officials, in semi-private and private rooms equipped with telephones, over a period starting a week prior to the Games and ending three days after the Closing Ceremonies.

The Students' Union Building and Physical Education Complex, one of the finest in Canada, are also parts of the extensive Village. These two buildings will provide such recreational extras as theatres, curling rinks, swimming pools, bowling lanes, art gallery, music listening facilities, squash and racquet-ball courts, dining rooms and taverns and complete medical and therapeutic facilities. The entire Athletes' Village will be kept under firm security to ensure the comfort and privacy of its occupants.

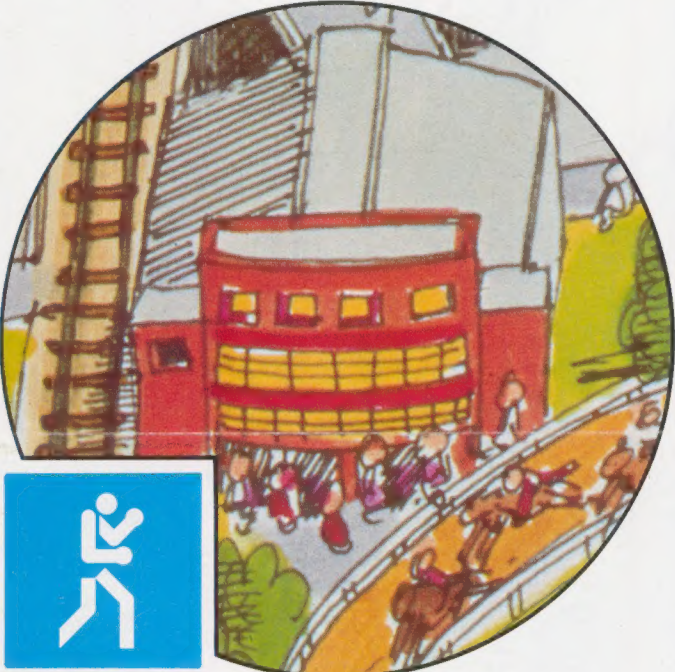
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Badminton

The existing Kinsmen Fieldhouse in Walterdale Park is the venue for the badminton portion of the 1978 Commonwealth Games. The badminton competition will be in both individual and team events. The five sections of the individual events include men's singles, ladies' singles, men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. The team event will include a preliminary round consisting of 24 ties, each tie being a series of five matches, and a play-off round of 6 ties to determine the best team.

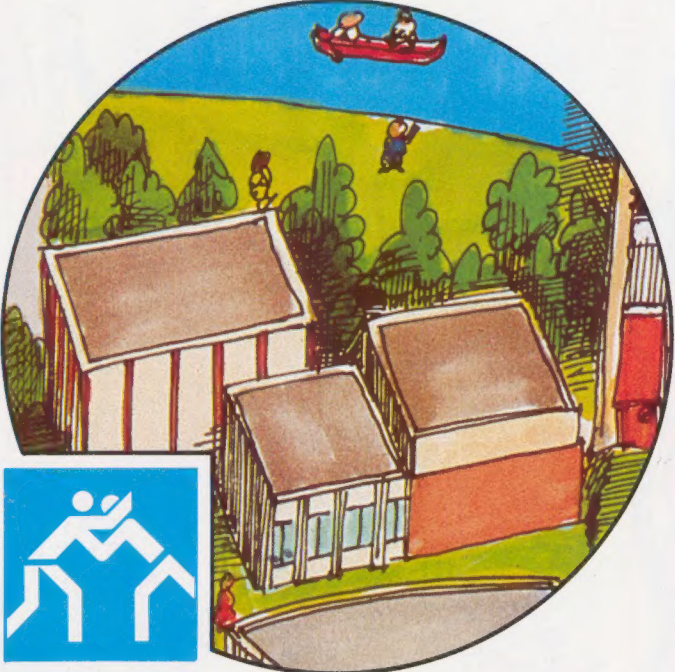
The badminton committee is expecting approximately 120 athletes and 30 team officials, representing 16 different nations, to enter the competition. Seating for about 4,000 will be made available.



Boxing

The boxing venue is the 5,200 seat Edmonton Gardens at the Exhibition Grounds, right next door to the Coliseum. Competition will be staged over seven evening and five afternoon sessions, with a 24 hour break between the semi-finals and the finals. The tournament involves a single elimination competition.

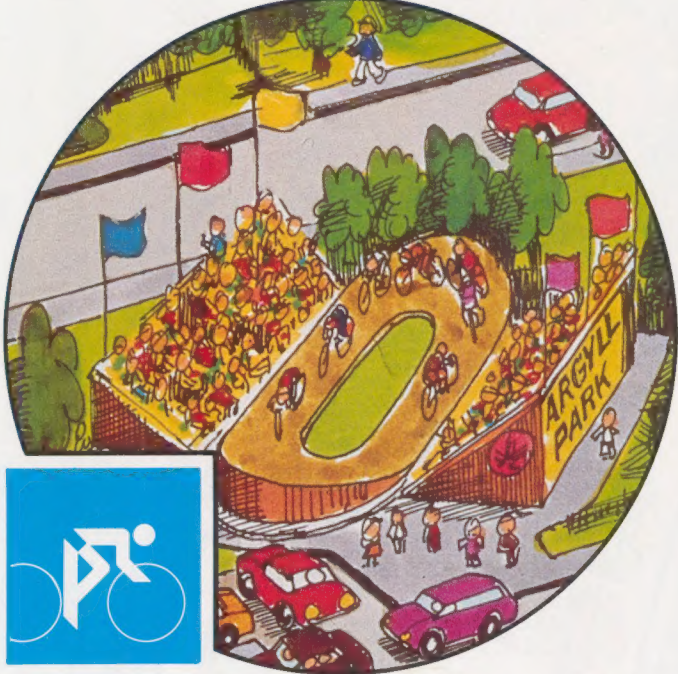
The boxing committee anticipates 155 competitors from 30 countries. Bouts will be judged by 25 internationally qualified officials and referees.



Wrestling

The wrestling events for the 1978 Games are set for the 2,500-seat University of Alberta Arena, and consists of three days of freestyle competition only. Competition involves 10 weight classes between 105 and 220 pounds. Depending on the number of athletes entered, there will be approximately five or six wrestlers fighting four rounds in each weight class.

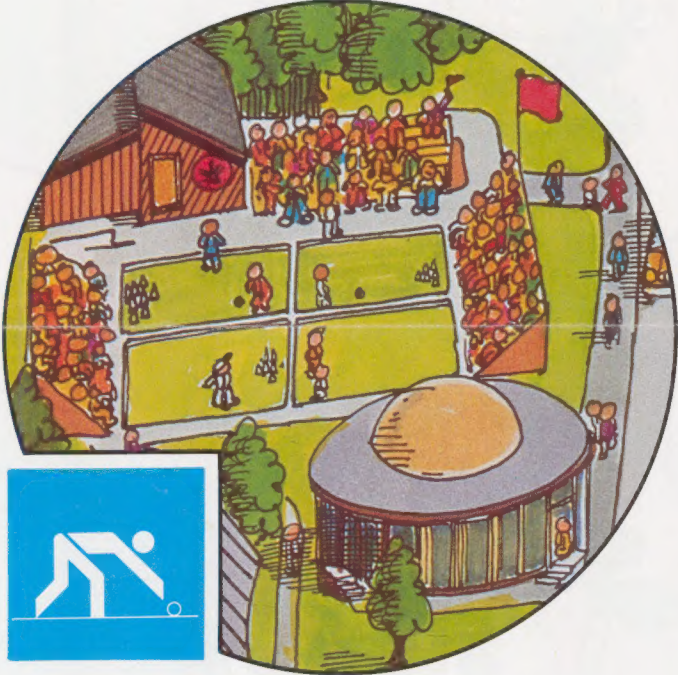
The Wrestling Committee anticipates at least 60 wrestlers from 10 countries and about 35 referees for the event. The Canadian team is the one to watch in 1978; in the last Commonwealth Games it won 9 out of 10 possible medals in wrestling competition.



Cycling

Cycling will take place on a new velodrome built at Argyll Park on the city's south side. It will seat about 4,000 spectators and the facility will be tied into a network of bicycle trails through the City's park system. There are six track events: the 1000-metre individual time trial from a full stop; the 800-metre sprint, timed over the final 200 metres; the 4000-metre individual pursuit; the 1600-metre tandem sprint; the 10-mile race and the 4000-metre track pursuit.

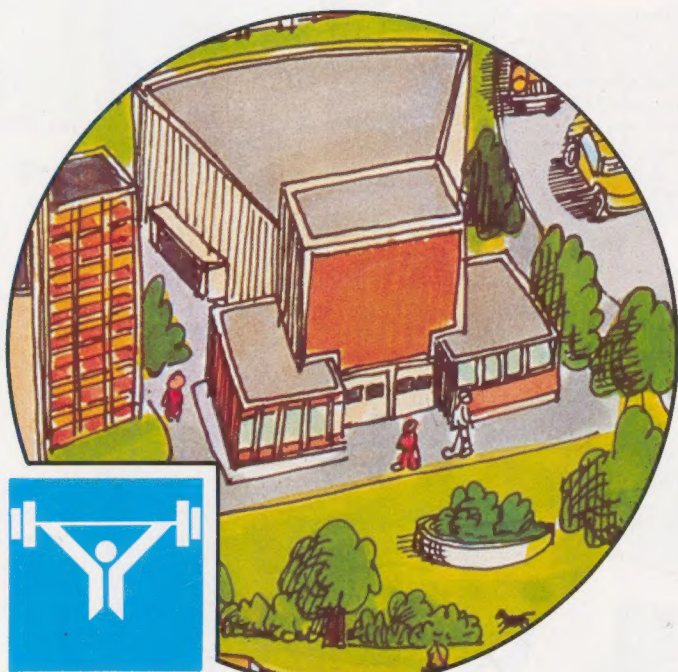
The cycling program, which will draw 100 competitors from 20 countries, also includes a 100 to 120-mile road race—about 20 laps over a varied and challenging course. The route across the North Saskatchewan River Valley will test the tactical skills and endurance of the field on the final day of the Games.



Lawn Bowling

Approximately 110 competitors from 16 Commonwealth countries will compete at lawn bowls on eight of the ten days of the Games. The new facilities in Coronation Park include a clubhouse, four self-maintaining greens and seating for 1,500.

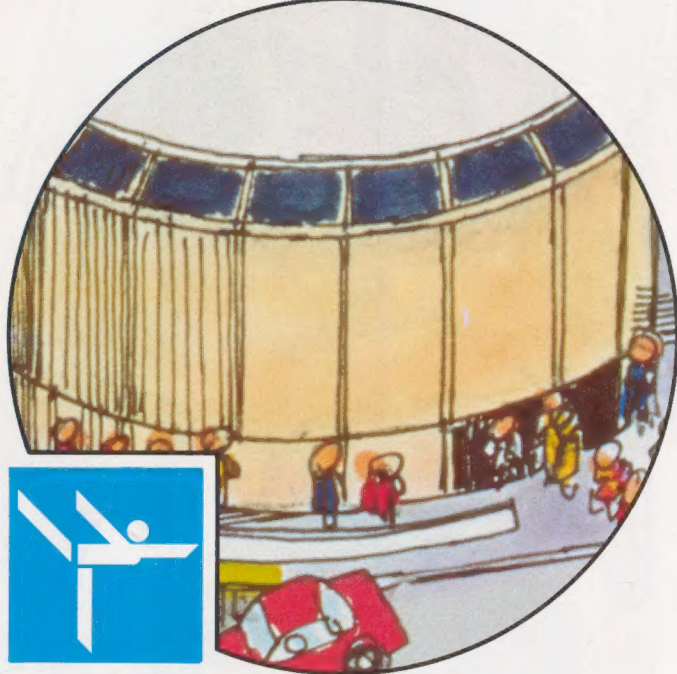
Lawn bowlers will compete for gold, silver and bronze awards in three events—fours, pairs and singles—in round-robin tournaments.



Weightlifting

The two lifts in weightlifting are the Clean and Jerk, and the Snatch, with competition running through the first five evenings of the Games. Each of the approximately 100 lifters from 20 nations will perform both manoeuvres, with three attempts at each. The best performance in each of the two lifts are totalled to determine the medalists in each of nine weight classes.

The venue for weightlifting is the 2,700 seat Jubilee Auditorium, right next door to the Athletes' Village.

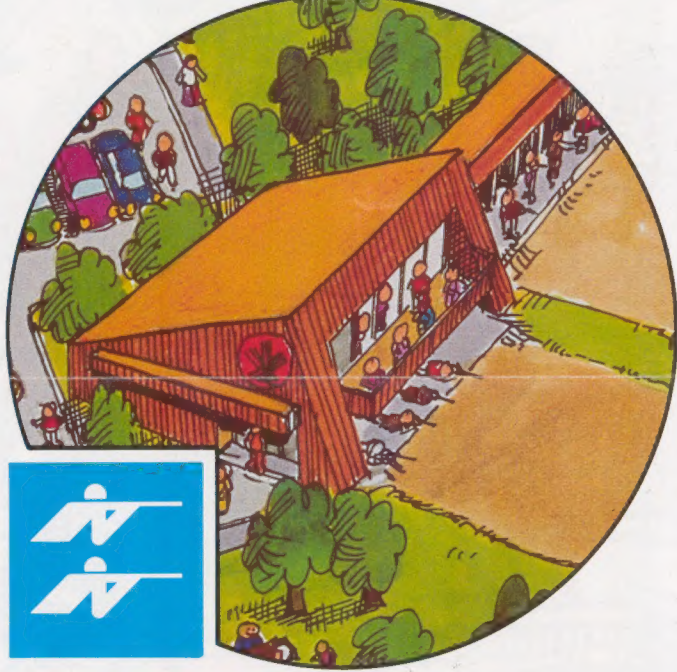


Gymnastics

Gymnastics, the newest addition to the Commonwealth Games roster of sports, will be held in the new 16,000-seat Coliseum.

The rules for gymnastics competition will differ from standard Olympic procedure, in that every athlete must compete in every event. Awards will be presented to the top all-round gymnast and top all-round team only. The gymnastics competition will run over four days. The first two days will determine the men's and women's all-round teams; the last two the best all-round athletes.

The Gymnastics Committee estimates approximately 104 athletes from 13 nations, a total of eight gymnasts per team, to compete in 1978. They contest six men's events and four women's events, competing before about 150 officials.



Shooting

The Games' Shooting Committee expects approximately 180 shooters from 30 countries to compete in six different events: full bore rifle ("Queen's Prize") shot between 200 and 1,000 yards; small bore rifle (prone), shot at 50 metres; clay pigeon shooting (international style trapshooting); international skeetshooting; free pistol at 50 metres; and rapid fire pistol at 25 metres. Each country is allowed 12 shooters, with a maximum of two per event.

All shooting events, with the exception of the "Queen's Prize," will take place at new facilities on the southeastern outskirts of the city. The range will embrace a permanent clubhouse and 900 temporary seats. The full-bore rifle will be shot on the Canadian Forces Sarcee Range installation, located on Calgary's western outskirts, 190 miles south of Edmonton.



This symbol is derived from four elements.

- 1) the Canadian maple leaf
- 2) the Union Jack (and the red, white and blue colors of the Commonwealth)
- 3) arrows converging — depicting movement to Edmonton.
- 4) a series of V's indicating the many thousands of Volunteers who will make the 1978 Commonwealth Games possible.



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Why Edmonton? Well, for one reason, it's our turn. The first Games in Canada were held in the east, at Hamilton, the second in the west, 24 years later in Vancouver. It was only appropriate to hold the next Commonwealth Games in an interior province, and again with a 24 year interval. From here, Edmonton was the logical choice. This city of half a million people, 72% of whom are under 40, a most competitive mix of almost forty ethnic origins, has a continuing record of community involvement. It is a city of young people, a city of the future.



While you're in Alberta

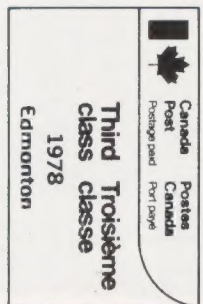
The Commonwealth Games Festival of Nations, although the biggest, is certainly not the only important event in Alberta in 1978. The gay 1890's frolic of Klondike Days and the breath-taking Calgary Stampede are world famous in their own right. They'll take up a whole month before the Games even begin! Make 1978 an "Alberta Summer," and soak up the beauty and excitement of this great province.

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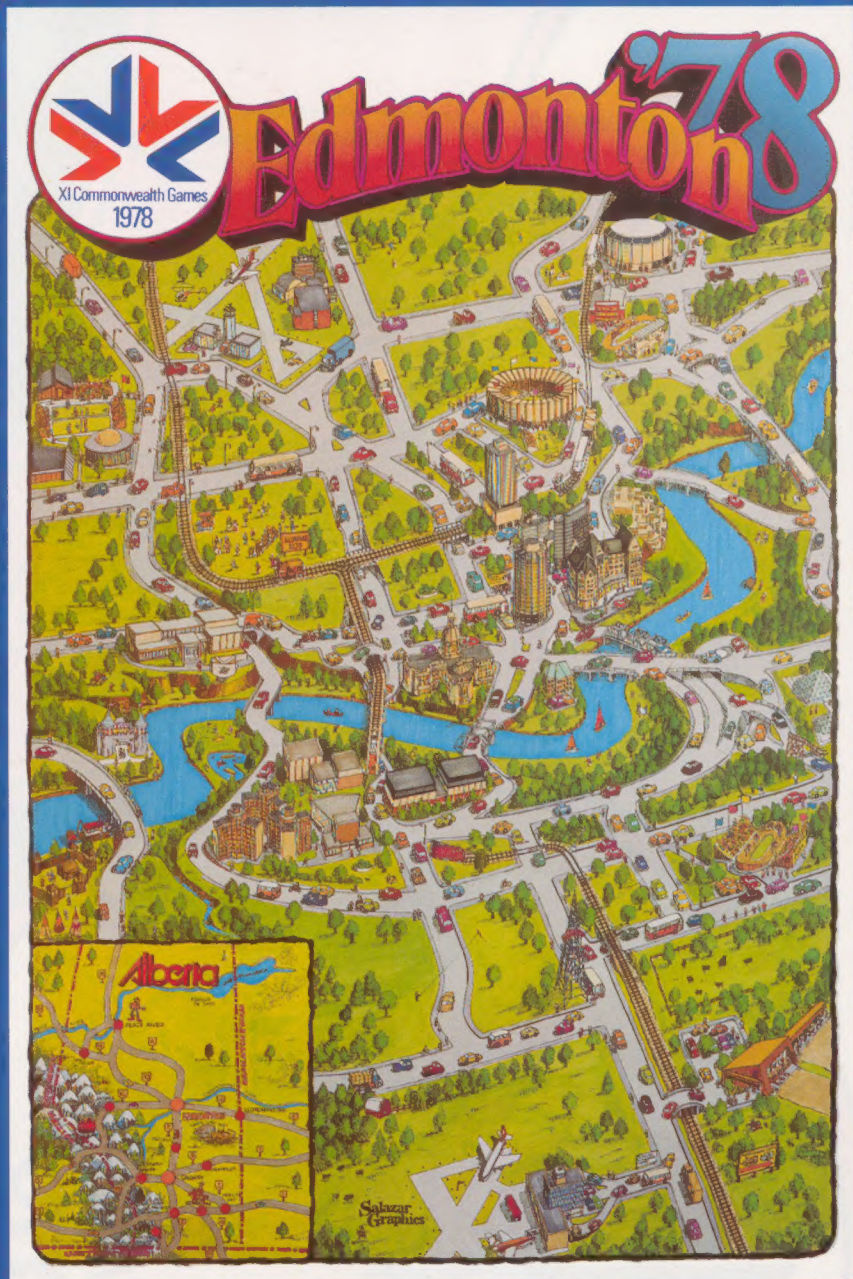
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And, for the interest and entertainment of the Commonwealth Games, that he earned the title of "Father of the Commonwealth Games."

plumbed so strongly before and after that "Festival" for the amateur sport portion. "The Inter-Empire Games," the "grand old man of Australian sports," Coombes, in London, England in 1911, Richardson, resulting in such a gathering at the Crystal Palace Empire had been suggested as early as 1891, finally the idea of a quadrennial "Festival of the Games" came. The Commonwealth Games were so soundly conceived that although many things in the world have changed, the Games have not. They remain modest, personal and friendly. In fact, the first growth—aside from an interest which has seen competitors in-creased from 11 nations and 450 athletes and officials at Hamilton to more than 38 nations and 1,754 athletes and officials at Christchurch in 1974—occurs in the Commonwealth Games. This sport, like a 10th sport, Gymnastics was chosen. This sport, like the Games, Edmonton has pledged to construct: a multi-use stadium; a covered aquatic center; a velodrome; a full shooting range, and four lawn bowling greens. These will host respectively the Opening and Closing ceremonies and track and field; swimming and diving; cycling, shooting, and lawn bowls.

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